

PATENT

0/w

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:

KAPUST, Rachel B.

In re Application of

ARNOULD-REGUIGNE, et al.

Art Unit:

1647

Serial No.: 10/072,900

Filed:

February 12, 2002

Title:

NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN

ABCA12 GENE, VECTORS

CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC ACIDS

AND USES THEREOF

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, care of Art Unit 1646, at 703-305-3014 on

August 13, 2004

Date of Deposit

Jonas Pierre, Sr.

ted Name of Person Signing Certificate

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, the time to respond to which has been extended three months to August 26, 2004 by the accompanying petition and payment of the appropriate fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the specification as set forth on page 2.

Please amend the Claims as set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.

Please enter and consider the Remarks beginning on page 7.